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ELECTION OF OPTIONAL MEMBERSHIP - LEGISLATIVE EMPLOYEE

California Government Code Section 20324 provides that an employee of the Senate or the Assembly, or the respective committees thereof, whose salaries or wages are paid from the Senate Operating Fund or the Assembly Operating Fund or the Operating Funds of the Assembly and Senate shall be deemed a "legislative employee." A legislative employee is excluded from membership in the California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) unless he or she files with the Board of Administration an election in writing to become a member.

The election of optional membership may be filed at any time while a compensated legislative employee is employed in that position and the position is not otherwise excluded by law. Once elected, the membership remains in effect for all future service in the legislative position with the same employer unless there is a significant break in employment. Once membership is established, it may be terminated only upon permanent separation from employment covered by CalPERS and subsequent withdrawal of retirement contributions.

Upon electing to become a member, a legislative employee may further elect at any time prior to retirement to receive service credit for his or her previous, excluded legislative service, and he or she shall have the option as to how much of that previous legislative service is to be credited. The Member Services Division, P.O. Box 942704, Sacramento, CA 94229-2704, will handle any such requests to purchase previous service. The form to request optional member arrears service is on the CalPERS website at www.calpers.ca.gov, or you may request the "CalPERS Service Credit Purchase Options" booklet from your employer, in which a copy of the "Optional Member Service" form (PERS-MSD-372) is included.

If your election for optional membership in CalPERS will result in concurrent service with employment credited in a private benefit plan or another public retirement system, please contact that organization for information regarding the impact of such concurrent service. If your election will result in concurrent service under CalPERS, please contact the Member Transactions Unit, Actuarial & Employer Services Branch, at the above phone number, before completing this election form.

PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN THIS ENTIRE FORM TO YOUR PERSONNEL OFFICE SO THEY CAN ESTABLISH YOUR MEMBERSHIP IN CALPERS.

I am a LEGISLATIVE EMPLOYEE as defined above, being a (enter position title) with the

(Agency name) (Agency contact) (Agency phone) () .

In accordance with the provisions of Government Code Section 20324, **I ELECT TO BECOME A MEMBER OF CALPERS.** I request that this election be filed with the Board of Administration of the California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) as my election to become a member. **I UNDERSTAND THIS ELECTION IS IRREVOCABLE AS LONG AS I REMAIN IN EMPLOYMENT AS A MEMBER.**

(Printed Name in FULL)

(Signature)

(Date)

(Social Security Number)

(Address)

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(Daytime Telephone Number)

(City & State)

(ZIP Code)

INFORMATION PRACTICES STATEMENT

The Information Practices Act of 1977 and the Federal Privacy Act require the California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) to provide the following information to individuals who are asked to supply information. The information requested is collected pursuant to the Government Code (Sections 20000, et seq.) and will be used for administration of the Board's duties under the Retirement Law, the Social Security Act, and the Public Employees' Medical and Hospital Care Act, as the case may be. Submission of the requested information is mandatory. Failure to supply the information may result in the System being unable to perform its functions regarding your status. Portions of this information may be transferred to: State and public agency employers, California State Attorney General, Office of the State Controller, Teale Data Center, Franchise Tax Board, Internal Revenue Service, Workers' Compensation Appeals Board, State Compensation Insurance Fund, County District Attorneys, Social Security Administration, beneficiaries of deceased members, physicians, insurance carriers, and various vendors who prepare the microfiche/microfilm for CalPERS. Disclosure to the aforementioned entities is done in strict accordance with current statutes regarding confidentiality.

You have the right to review your membership file maintained by the System. For questions concerning your rights under the Information Practices Act of 1977, please contact the Information Coordinator, CalPERS, 400 Q Street, P.O. Box 942702, Sacramento, California 94229-2702.